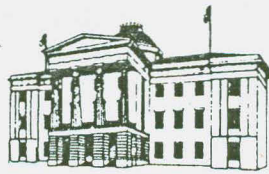


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

GEAR UP FOR COLLEGE WEEK

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded program designed to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP provides six-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools, and throughout North Carolina by means of the state grantee's statewide dissemination of college access information; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina commemorates 11 years of successful North Carolina GEAR UP programs which are currently administered by The University of North Carolina General Administration (state grant), Appalachian State University (partnership grant), Fayetteville State University (partnership grant), Johnston County Schools (partnership grant), and Southwestern Community College (partnership grant); and

WHEREAS, North Carolina GEAR UP programs serve more than 25,000 GEAR UP students in 28 target districts through a cohort model beginning no later than the seventh grade and following the cohort through high school, as well as students across North Carolina from the state grantee's statewide dissemination of college access information; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP focuses on students from low-income and underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college; and

WHEREAS, the College Foundation of North Carolina offers www.CFNC.org, a free, comprehensive website where students can go for help to plan, apply, and pay for college; and

WHEREAS, during the week of September 27-October 1, 2010, North Carolina students in GEAR UP schools will participate in at least one college-going activity including (but not limited to) reaffirming the GEAR UP college pledge, participating in tutoring for rigorous college preparation coursework, attending a college visit or college fair, using CFNC.org, and many more services designed to increase the college-going rate in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins GEAR UP in its commitment to preparing youth for college;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 27-October 1, 2010, as **"GEAR UP FOR COLLEGE WEEK"** in North Carolina and urge not only GEAR UP students, but all students across the state to participate in college-going activities because being prepared for and applying to college is the first step toward earning the degrees that will help them succeed in today's global economy.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.